

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1 - 28 of this application have been presented in proper form with the original patent claims 1 - 16 being presented without underlining and claims 17 - 28, as presented in the original filing of the reissue application and/or amended thereafter, being presented with underlining, as required.

With respect to the indication that the reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is defective and that claims 1 - 28 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration, the indication that receipt of an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration will overcome this rejection, is acknowledged.

By the present response, submitted herewith is a Supplemental Declaration for reissue patent application which is considered to be responsive to the requirement for the supplemental oath/declaration. Furthermore, it is noted that one of the original inventors of the patent, and therewith the original reissue application, cannot be located after diligent attempts have been made to locate such inventor, and submitted herewith is a Declaration by Shinya Yamaji concerning the attempts to locate such inventor and the submission of an exhibit indicating the attempts to locate such inventor. Thus, applicants submit that the Supplemental Declaration for reissue should be accepted, and in view of the submission of the claims in proper form, applicants submit that this application should now be in condition for allowance.

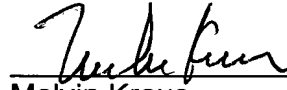
In view of the above, favorable action in this application is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.33793R00),
and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melvin Kraus', is written over a horizontal line.

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